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1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll call the meeting to
2 order. We'll get started. Before we do get
3 started, I would like to ask Robert to lead us in
4 prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

5 (Thereupon, the invocation and
6 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

7 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. This
8 is the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Dade
9 County Commission which takes place at the same time
10 on the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice
11 of this meeting was given to the legal organ of Dade
12 County and has been posted in the hallway of the
13 Administrative Building. At this time I need a roll
14 call. Mr. Smith?

15 MR. SMITH: Here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

17 MR. CERVELLI: Yes, here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman is absent. He
19 is actually at -- did you say he was in
20 Pennsylvania? He couldn't get back. Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair is present.
23 We'll move down to district commissioner committee
24 reports. Mitchell, have you got anything you want
25 to say as far as your first official month?

1 MR. SMITH: Yeah. I just talked to
2 Billy just a minute ago on the scrap metal
3 recyclables. He hauled a load off this past week,
4 put \$9,500 and I just want to thank Billy for his
5 diligence for watching the metal -- you know, the
6 scrap market. He could have sold it for a whole lot
7 less. You know, as I was talking to him, he held
8 onto it and like I said, it don't cost us anything
9 to store it. He got us preferably top dollar. I
10 also found out he's a good negotiator. He knows how
11 to play that market, too, when it comes to it.

12 I would also like to thank the road
13 crew and so forth for the snow and all, all the
14 emergency service personnel that was out working,
15 you know, during that time period.

16 The work that's going on down at the
17 Senior Citizens Building on the air-conditioning
18 units and so forth, they're all up and took care of
19 other than I think -- I talked to Billy this
20 morning. He said there's still one more that he's
21 talking to Ted about, trying to get it took care of,
22 straightened out. It's a pretty good mess after
23 talking to Billy that it was in. It's took care of.
24 We'll look at some other things.

25 I spent a little time at the Transfer

1 Station and I'll ask everybody in the county to help
2 me do what -- or help do, I guess, what I'm guilty
3 of doing. When you go by the dump, let's dump.
4 Let's don't stand around and talk 15 or 20 minutes
5 and hold the line up. You know, I'm guilty. I've
6 done it. You know, it sort of backs it up,
7 especially on Saturdays. It will help everybody out
8 if we just sort of wave at our neighbor and go on.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Mitchell.

10 Mr. Goff?

11 MR. GOFF: Well, I'm going to give a
12 little different report, not so much on the four
13 fields or the recreation. Everything is running
14 pretty smooth there, also at the Senior Citizens.
15 Last month we were asked by the ACCG, each county
16 was and many did, to create kind of a little liaison
17 between the county government and the ACCG to kind
18 of watch what laws are in the works.

19 Now, the -- there's forty days of
20 legislation and they've only been in session now
21 about ten days or so because they took a week off
22 because the governor's proposed budget, for them to
23 look at that. They're going to be in the General
24 Assembly in the House and the Senate, but I want
25 to -- and I've done this before. I want to urge

1 everyone, if you will, go to the ACCG website, that
2 is the Association of County Commissioners of
3 Georgia. It's not hid. It's not anything that you
4 can't go to and see the bills and some of them. I'm
5 only going to read a couple. I mean, to give you an
6 idea, there's about thirty something already --
7 that's already there.

8 Now, the ACCG takes a stand of either
9 opposing the bill, which means they're asking us to
10 look at it and oppose it. And because they oppose
11 it doesn't mean necessarily someone might want to --
12 to evaluate the bill and to be neutral on the bill.
13 It may be something that a county -- they're trying
14 to say that a county should be able to do that if a
15 county wants to, that the state should not or could
16 not make them do it. So they're neutral on it to
17 give us -- and then there are those that they
18 support.

19 Now, I'm going to read the first one.
20 Now, this is House Bill 0002. Hold your laughter
21 until later if you don't think there's laughter in
22 the legislature. Allows goats, chickens and rabbits
23 in any zone. Now, this legislation is another
24 attempt to limit home rule, prohibits counties and
25 cities from adopting zoning ordinance which prohibit

1 residential property owners from raising any crops,
2 milk goats, chickens, rabbits as long as they are
3 for personal consumption despite its impact on
4 neighboring property values. A similar bill passed
5 through the House Agriculture Committee last year.
6 So if you go into that, you can bring up this whole
7 bill and read everything about it, but that's just a
8 snippet of what it's intended to do.

9 Here's a nice one, the bill itself,
10 0031, they oppose limit assessments of property and
11 remove cap on school board millage rates. Now, I
12 think now if I'm correct, there's a 20 mil cap on
13 school board. Can you imagine if school boards
14 could say fooey on 20 mils, we're going 30 and they
15 would give them that right. Now, that's the kind of
16 things that come up. Of course, they oppose them
17 and so do I. I think we need a cap. They need a
18 cap. We're all God's children need caps when it
19 comes to being -- having just an open check to
20 continue. That's all. If you want to see these, go
21 to ACCG or see me after we get through here.

22 One of them that would be of interest,
23 I think, following what just happened. This is one
24 that they're neutral on. It's House bill 0069,
25 Sunday package sales. It is identical to Senate

1 bill 10 that authorizes counties and cities which
2 already allow package sales to approve the package
3 sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits on Sunday
4 from 12:30 to 11:30 p.m. The good thing is here,
5 they say the County Commission must first authorize
6 this via resolution or ordinance specifying the
7 effective date, then the proposal would then go to a
8 vote of the public with the simple majority
9 prevailing. So that's some of the things that are
10 there.

11 Some that they are evaluating, I
12 shutter to bring up one of them because it is --
13 they want to do away with property tax. Now, you
14 say, boy, I'm for that. What are we going to do if
15 we do away with it? Here's what -- when you go and
16 get a haircut, you're going to pay taxes on it.
17 When you get your yard mowed, you're going to pay
18 tax because it's not going to go away. There would
19 be nothing to pull up the slack. So what's going to
20 happen is you go to the store and you buy cookies
21 for \$1.99 and the tax is \$3.89 because you still
22 have to operate. There's a bill that they're
23 wanting to take the ability of counties to take --
24 if they are getting property tax and not be able to
25 use that to help run the county. Therefore, to do

1 away with it and pass -- so it's just over and over
2 and over.

3 Here's one that the bill restores the
4 county and city's ability to regulate the use of
5 bicycles on sidewalks. I didn't know this, but the
6 state law was amended two years ago to prohibit the
7 riding of bicycles on sidewalks by anyone over the
8 age of 12. So I would not have known I was breaking
9 the law if I had a bicycle and if I was riding it.
10 But they're in support of that because that tells
11 the person if you've got a bicycle, you can ride it
12 because you're probably saving fuel.

13 A CITIZEN: Does it tell on that web
14 site who sponsored it?

15 MR. GOFF: Yes, it does. This one
16 happens to be, this particular one is from the
17 115th district, Senator or Representative by the
18 name of Doug McKillip or McKill. Then Jay Powell,
19 Jeff Mullis has a couple in here regarding GDOT and
20 that kind of thing. But I urge you, go to the ACCG
21 web site, pull up legislative tracking and look at
22 some of the things because there's still about 30
23 days left and there's some good bills. Don't get me
24 wrong. But when we look at some that they have and
25 you take off a cap that a school board could go or

1 you say let's do away with our property tax and
2 don't be able to use them except to pay off existing
3 debt that's already there, what is a county to do?
4 I mean, we've run into that. There's something
5 about not necessarily the 65 and five acres thing,
6 but there's something in there to try to get some
7 money from them and if they don't get it from them,
8 it's going to levy against the county and you name
9 it.

10 There's some fine bills that go before
11 that place down there and what happens is nobody
12 calls Jeff Mullis, Martin Scott or these other
13 people. Nobody sits down and sends them an E-mail
14 and they say, well, I guess everybody is for this,
15 so when it comes time and they do that bell ringing
16 and they all go running back in to vote, they just
17 vote yes on it. But please, I urge you as a
18 citizen, don't just wait for us to do it. I'm
19 trying to keep due diligence.

20 I talked to all the constitutional
21 officers this week and took them a list of these
22 things, some that may or may not affect their office
23 directly, but they're going to affect cities.
24 They're going to affect Chambers. And once it gets
25 put in, these are both House bills, Senate bills and

1 some are resolutions that they're just trying to
2 pass down there, but it all trickles down and it
3 comes down on our shoulders in the counties. So
4 please do that. I'll not take any more time.
5 Again, thank you for being here tonight and may God
6 bless you.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.

8 Robert, if you didn't understand what he said there
9 at first, he is our liaison between the legislation,
10 ACCG and he monitors this daily and I can't remember
11 the guy's name that's either a senator or legislator
12 that is known for bringing up some of these bills
13 like that, the duck and chicken bill.

14 MR. GOFF: That's Bobby Franklin of the
15 43rd district.

16 MR. RUMLEY: There's one guy that
17 always brings up at least 20 or 30 bills every
18 session.

19 MR. GOFF: Well, Bobby has got the
20 first three on this sheet.

21 MR. CERVELLI: He's got one to do away
22 with driver's licenses and another one that
23 regulates the height of fences.

24 MR. GOFF: Yeah. You can't build your
25 fence no higher than the person living next door can

1 get to their highest point and see what's going on
2 on the other side. I thought, well, what's the
3 point of building a fence if you can't keep people
4 from looking. I'm telling you, there's a sense of
5 humor in Atlanta under the gold dome.

6 A CITIZEN: Where did you say he was
7 from?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Representative from
9 Lookout Mountain, I think.

10 MR. GOFF: The far end. He's from the
11 43rd district. And this tells you where those
12 bills are. His is in the judiciary committee now.
13 Some are in the rules. Some are in the -- they will
14 be color coded in there to tell you that they've
15 been acted on in the last three days. So that means
16 they're moving their way through since the beginning
17 of it. There's some good ones. They're not all
18 silly. There are some that will help us, but those
19 that hurt us, which we all know that. They can hurt
20 a county financially and in other ways. So just go
21 in and kind of keep an eye on what's going on.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Peter, you're next. We've
23 got a question.

24 A CITIZEN: I'm sorry. Can you weigh
25 in with your opinion on these bills right there on

1 the web site or do you need to take some notes and
2 send E-mails and phone calls?

3 MR. GOFF: You can find out what
4 committee these people are in on that web site such
5 as transportation. That's Jeff Mullis. So if you
6 see one in there that you think is good or bad,
7 write him and say I think it's a good bill, I want
8 you to stand up for it. But if it's a bad one, some
9 of these others, see, everybody is going to vote on
10 them. So you tell them, you know, when you go in
11 there and vote, this is not going to -- one good one
12 that's going to help and I'm sorry to go on, but is
13 the 45-day early voting that we do here that is
14 nowhere else in the world I don't reckon. You might
15 say that's a good thing. We're spending money out
16 there and if you've seen some of the numbers, some
17 counties, and we're probably one of them, pay from 8
18 to \$11 per vote in most of those days. So they're
19 trying to get them shortened down to 21 days with
20 one Saturday in that 21 days and that would be a
21 very good thing for Dade County and any other county
22 because we wouldn't have to pay four people to sit
23 in here every day and no one go in and punch a
24 button to vote.

25 So, again, there's some good things out

1 there, but they need to hear from you that I want
2 you to vote on that, that voting bill, whatever it
3 is and you can look on there to see.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Peter?

5 MR. CERVELLI: Okay. Local option
6 sales tax, we collected \$152,166 versus 142,000 for
7 the same month a year ago, so that's a seven percent
8 increase January over January. That's also a
9 five percent increase from just December. So those
10 are obviously good positive news. Sales tax revenue
11 is up a little bit. If you take the average, which
12 is what I usually do for three months, it's flat.
13 So even though we're not seeing any decreases, we're
14 not seeing any increases. Right now sales tax,
15 local option sales tax, S.P.L.O.S.T is basically
16 flat. It's not going down. It's not going up.
17 It's staying in the same range. I guess it could be
18 worse.

19 In terms of our budget and just for
20 S.P.L.O.S.T, we did collect \$190,000 for the month
21 of January for our S.P.L.O.S.T. That's lower than
22 the numbers we had hoped we would get every month.
23 I think we budgeted about \$22,000 a month, so we
24 don't see that ever coming in and I have given the
25 commissioners at least a proposed revamp of what we

1 might collect in S.P.L.O.S.T. over the next five
2 years just to get a sense of where we are based on
3 what we've collected and what we may collect in the
4 next five years and make some decisions down the
5 road about how we might want to spend the money.

6 In terms of the budget, we're looking
7 at the December budget. We closed the books on
8 December 2011 as the 50 percent mark in our fiscal
9 year. Excuse me. Revenues attained through the end
10 of December was 61 percent. That, of course, is
11 skewed by all the property tax we've collected, so
12 we'll see that number change now over the rest of
13 the year. Expenses maintained at 50.7 percent, so
14 overall we're approximately on target for our
15 expenses, yet there are areas in the revenue and
16 expenses that raise some questions that I've asked
17 Don to take a look at that if some of these revenue
18 issues don't get resolved because of timing or just
19 some errors in how things were posted and some of
20 the expenses which are a little out of whack in some
21 of the areas. Some of them are errors in posting.
22 Some are not. We may have to go back and do a
23 midyear correction on the budget for this year.
24 We'll know that better in probably 30 days when we
25 can see some of these errors get corrected or

1 determine that there really is a trend here in terms
2 of the revenue not coming in and some of the
3 expenses being higher than we anticipated. So I
4 think 30 days should give us a sense of whether we
5 could accurately go back and recast fiscal year
6 2011.

7 Good news though if you read the
8 newspapers, the Flintstone sewer system is moving
9 ahead after 30 years of problems, multiple years of
10 conflict. That issue has been resolved other than
11 actually putting it in and I want to thank the
12 people who are involved, people of the Flintstone
13 Community themselves that had to waive some of their
14 rights in terms of easements, the City of Lookout
15 Mountain, Georgia for taking this project on. It
16 benefits them. They don't just do it out of the
17 goodness of their heart. There are real benefits to
18 the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Covenant
19 College put some money in, Dade County Water and
20 Sewer helped with funding. The Appalachian Regional
21 Commission brought some grants to them there in
22 Georgia, GEFA, which is the environmental facility
23 agency to help pay for this. So there are a lot of
24 people who played a role in making this thing work
25 and so hopefully they'll start making -- digging

1 holes and fixing our sewer system shortly. That's
2 been a long time coming.

3 I want to say a word about the
4 snowstorm. I wasn't here, so that was good. My
5 wife was and she was -- she was on Signal Mountain
6 and she couldn't get home and talking with Ted while
7 I was away, as you well know if you tried to get on
8 any of the state roads, Dade County did a pretty
9 good job and the State didn't do a very good job at
10 all in clearing roads. And that has apparently
11 gotten loud and clear the GDOT Commission based on
12 what Ted told me, they heard that loud and clear.

13 We still want to meet with the
14 Commissioners and Ted has had a request in to go
15 down and meet with Jeff Mullis. I think it's worth
16 us having a conversation about how badly they did,
17 how badly their equipment wasn't even operational
18 and, you know, they may fix this problem in next
19 year's budget, but it could still snow this year and
20 I want to know what they're going to do.

21 Of course, all of our great reflectors
22 that helped us with our great fog issues, they're
23 gone. They've been plowed up. They're gone. So
24 we've got some snow clearing issues. We've got fog
25 issues that we need to deal with. There are at

1 least three issues on Lookout Mountain we have to
2 address and so we do want to meet with the GDOT
3 Commissioner. I was going to just say what Robert
4 said, keep track of ACCG. It could hurt us really.
5 Read that web site.

6 Another piece of good news and I'll end
7 on good news is we heard that our request to have
8 basically the valley, everything along Highway 11
9 from Tennessee to Alabama has been given a less
10 developed track rating, which means that we are able
11 to provide tier one tax credits to any business
12 basically along Highway 11 just the way the census
13 tracks work. If you hire two or more people and you
14 get pretty close to the maximum job tax credit
15 available. So we've reviewed -- had that renewed
16 for another year. That's good until the end of
17 December. It's going to be good for businesses that
18 want to hire and there are in our Industrial Park
19 that want to hire. It's a good way to attract
20 business, we hope, but we've got to find a permanent
21 solution to that. This has been a year-to-year
22 renewal issue and at some point the Department of
23 Community Affairs may say no. So we're going to
24 look at some other options that are available in the
25 law to help make that more permanent. But right now

1 we have tier one tax credits and that's a good thing
2 to attract and get businesses.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Is that it?

4 MR. CERVELLI: That's it.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Peter. Well,
6 as you know, I know every one of the Commissioners
7 mentioned snow removal. That's been one of the big
8 issues that took place right after our last
9 commission meeting. We had a lot of people say we
10 did a good job on the roads and we did, but we
11 really used a lot of our salt and our rock and as
12 Peter mentioned on our budget, it really hurts us on
13 our budget. We're restocked now. Hopefully we
14 won't have any more until next year, but I'm afraid
15 we've got a few coming this winter. But I just want
16 to let everyone know we're ready for it and we
17 actually purchased another spreader and a blade for
18 one of our smaller trucks, our one-tons. So you
19 people out there that call that live on some of our
20 narrow roads, we didn't put you off until last, but
21 some of our big trucks, we kept them on the wider
22 roads, but now we've got this to go into narrow
23 places.

24 Did the plow -- did you get it -- where
25 is Billy?

1 MR. MASSENGALE: We got the wrong
2 wiring harness. It came in today at 4:00. Monday
3 it should be going.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I do appreciate our
5 men, our road crew. Actually, on a snow like that,
6 we call everybody in. Alvin Long, he's in here.
7 He's one of our people we call in to help us as far
8 as loading trucks and we get mechanics and everybody
9 else because we have a short -- we have a small
10 staff anyway, but I do appreciate these people. The
11 sheriff's department, I appreciate them. I can't
12 say enough about them. Alex, our 911 people.
13 That's what makes it work. Everybody has got a job.
14 Ol' Matt back there, he works just like we do. He's
15 right out there with us and they really don't have
16 to do it. He's a deputy sheriff. I mean, really
17 he's paid to enforce the law and they don't really
18 have to get out and help us, but they really do.
19 There will be trees out across the road and we go
20 out there, Billy and I go out there at night or if
21 we're by ourselves, that deputy, female or male
22 either one, they help us. Billy will vouch for
23 that. We really appreciate it. Alex, he's out. He
24 cuts as many trees as anybody. He tries to stay
25 here on the radio, but he gets right out there.

1 That's what it takes to make it work in a county
2 like ours is everybody helping one another and it
3 also helps keep costs down. That's why I just keep
4 going on and on about it. But anyway, hopefully we
5 won't get any more snow, but if we do, we're ready.

6 I spent quite a bit of time preparing
7 with our other three counties, our other two
8 counties here. We mentioned last meeting about our
9 funding that possibly will start funneling down
10 through our Regional Development Authority, Regional
11 Commission. And we formed, as I reported last
12 month, a roundtable with all 15 counties of our
13 northern Georgia counties and I was fortunate enough
14 to be voted or chosen to be one of the five people
15 on the executive committee they call it, which will
16 be actually putting our projects together and I
17 actually will be representing Dade, Walker and
18 Catoosa. And what that means is we have certain
19 needs in this county just like Walker and Catoosa,
20 but we're going to have an equal representation on
21 this table because I would say 90 or maybe more than
22 90 percent of the money after 2012 will possibly
23 come right through that table and so we need to
24 be -- we need to be there, you know, to claim what
25 is ours and what we deserve to come back to this

1 county.

2 So whether I'm in office after 2012 or
3 not, that person will be on that committee and will
4 be around that table and voice our needs. And
5 we've -- we've actually went down to Atlanta Monday
6 and Tuesday we were there. We were there for some
7 training and updates on the different laws that have
8 changed and there's been a lot of different things
9 change since last year, but we also heard our
10 governor speak and he's got a real good -- you know,
11 got a really good line, but it's kind of scary, you
12 know. He's got a tremendous amount of cuts that
13 he's going to do in Georgia. I'm all for cuts, but
14 just like our DOT right now, they've really been cut
15 so hard in the northern part of Georgia, our
16 mountainous regions especially. It's kind of scary.

17 You know, when Peter touched on the
18 state right-of-way or state roads, that's not the
19 people's fault over here at this barn. They do what
20 they're told. You know, there's only a few people
21 over there and they had orders to stay on the
22 interstate highways and keep it clean, which don't
23 really make sense, but, you know, after they got it
24 clean, they left them over there and we still had
25 ice on 136, all of our state roads, as all of you

1 know. No matter how good our county roads were, you
2 know, if you came out, you couldn't go anywhere
3 because the state road was down. But we've decided
4 to go ahead and as we go between county road to
5 county road, we're going to drop our plows to plow
6 those lanes. We can't afford to put material down
7 right now, I mean, at all without being reimbursed,
8 but Mullis, from what I understand, he's met with
9 the DOT and they've got a couple of other meetings,
10 but they're working with a deal where they will be
11 able to reimburse us. I don't know that it will
12 happen this winter, but I would say by next winter
13 to actually reimburse us on our material and our
14 labor for out here working on the roads.

15 But what I want to explain to you is
16 our county roads are priority. That's what you pay
17 your taxes for. That's our trucks. That's your
18 trucks and our priorities are county roads first. I
19 mean, I got some pretty good chewings over that
20 because, you know, they couldn't understand why we
21 weren't plowing state roads first. Well, that's
22 your money and you deserve to have your roads plowed
23 and county roads are first.

24 But anyway, we're going to do our best
25 with the best we can and when we finish our roads,

1 when they're complete, we're going to come back and
2 we're going to touch the counties and also -- I
3 mean, the states and also try to plow them on the
4 way. Billy, I know, you know, just like I told you
5 before, just do the best you can do. You know, we
6 can't spend a whole lot of time on the -- at least
7 we can get the main routes.

8 Let's see what else I've got here.
9 Also, I'm proud of this what Peter touched on, our
10 tier status. We just got the word today that that's
11 official. They had the meeting with DCA. That
12 really is a benefit to us pertaining to new
13 businesses coming in and not only to that, but to
14 some other grants that we actually have got on the
15 table possibly applied for. I'm proud DCA decided
16 to do that.

17 Also, we met with some people today
18 that we went over on the river again. This water
19 thing is coming back up, as far as pulling water out
20 of Tennessee going to Atlanta and that's something
21 you're going to probably in the next few months or
22 the next year anyway, you'll probably hear more
23 about it. They're actually working on kind of a
24 plan, I think, to do some trading with Tennessee
25 somewhat pertaining to the state lines. So that's

1 something that people -- I had a man ask me the
2 other day, you know, what benefit would that have to
3 us in Dade County. Well, if it were to happen and
4 we were to work the deal hopefully that we can and
5 we draft that water and actually operate that plant,
6 just the plant itself and not the maintenance on the
7 lines, if we just received less than a half a cent
8 per gallon of that water -- Peter mentioned a while
9 ago eliminating property taxes. You can more than
10 eliminate property taxes in Dade County if that
11 should happen. I know that's talking way out. But
12 I just put numbers together. The billions of
13 gallons of water that they would pull out of that
14 river every year, if we actually handled that, it
15 would be a blessing to Dade County, trust me.

16 So that's something that you need to --
17 we'll keep you informed on it as it goes through.
18 It will be news in the Atlanta Journal and some of
19 your larger newspapers.

20 But other than that, you know, we're
21 just kind of holding our own. We're getting ready
22 to start our budget, working with our public
23 officials on our budget. We'll probably start
24 towards the end of the month getting things together
25 because before we know it, June will be here and it

1 will be ready to finalize. So I see Jan out there.
2 I don't like the -- when I said that, she just kind
3 of -- Jan, she's always been really good on our
4 budget. I can't say enough about that. She's
5 always on board with us. She watches it. If you've
6 got anybody that's tight with your money, you're
7 looking at her. We appreciate that. And not that
8 all of our officials -- I'm not saying that they all
9 don't, but Jan, I've worked with her since 2000 and
10 she's always been right on the money with hers, so
11 we appreciate that.

12 Other than that, do you have any other
13 comments, Robert? Peter, you're over there
14 thinking.

15 MR. CERVELLI: I was just thinking
16 we're going to be dependent on the Board of
17 Assessors helping us get the digest information in
18 in a timely manner so we can get a handle on our
19 revenue as part of that budget process. Charlie
20 knows what we're talking about. I just appreciate
21 you trying to meet that time line for us.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Is that a promise,
23 Charlie?

24 MR. BROWNING: I plead the Fifth on
25 that.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, Lord. That's the
2 first time I've ever hear anybody take that in this
3 room.

4 MR. GOFF: I think he said he would
5 have it by the 5th.

6 MR. RUMLEY: He's a trained chairman.
7 He just got back from training. Anything you want
8 to add, Mitchell?

9 MR. SMITH: No.

10 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I don't think
11 Barton is here tonight. Anyone with the City?
12 Okay. Don, we'll turn it over to you, buddy.
13 Finance report, please.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: As of January 31st,
15 2011, the general fund had a balance of \$1,339,351;
16 federal asset fund, U.S. Treasury, \$285; special
17 sheriff's fund, \$4,040; drug abuse education fund,
18 \$71,124; supplemental juvenile services fund,
19 \$17,982; victim assistance fund, \$2,463; jail fund,
20 \$24,383; federal asset fund, Department of Justice
21 \$3,660. Payroll account, \$67,264. Funds remaining
22 in the 2004 S.P.L.O.S.T, \$146,179. Projects on 2009
23 S.P.L.O.S.T. projects account \$357,096. Proceeds
24 account, \$267,740 and the construction fund,
25 \$142,137.

1 We had one expense for the fire
2 department at West Brow and their funds remaining
3 now is \$14,271. Davis has funds remaining of
4 \$4,847. Revenues less expenses for December,
5 \$421,625 and revenues less expenses year-to-date was
6 \$762,053. The budget attained should be 60 percent
7 and the revenue attained so far was 61.11 percent
8 and expenses attained was 50.71 percent.

9 Peter covered the issues. And
10 regarding the S.P.L.O.S.T, he mentioned that as
11 well, but I will review that. The January
12 S.P.L.O.S.T received was \$190,145.65 and the local
13 option sales tax was \$152,116.82.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do we have any
15 questions for Mr. Townsend?

16 MR. SMITH: No.

17 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a
18 motion to approve our monthly financial report.

19 MR. CERVELLI: So moved.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion.
21 Do I have a second?

22 MR. SMITH: Second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call the vote.
24 Mr. Cervelli?

25 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

2 MR. GOFF: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman? Mr. Smith?

4 MR. SMITH: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley votes yes.

6 Thank you. I was looking for Scottie. He's
7 probably thinking about us right now.

8 Robin, do you have anything you want to
9 share with us as far as legal?

10 MR. ROGERS: I don't. It has been a
11 busy month, but there's nothing to report on.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Do you know anything about
13 whether there's been an appeal filed or anything?
14 Can he appeal, Mr. Blevins?

15 MR. ROGERS: There's not been an appeal
16 filed and the time for him to do so has run.

17 MR. RUMLEY: It has exceeded. Okay.
18 We don't have any unfinished business. Do you have
19 anything?

20 The reading of the minutes of the -- of
21 our January 2011 regular meeting will not required
22 since all commissioners have been furnished copies
23 in advance. The minutes are public record and
24 available for review in the executive's office. The
25 minutes are included in the consent agenda.

1 Approval of the consent agenda requires a vote. Do
2 I hear a motion to approve the consent agenda? Don,
3 do you want to go ahead and let him read it.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Approval of the previous
5 meeting minutes, which includes a public hearing as
6 well as the regular meeting in January; Industrial
7 Development Authority appointment of Mr. Doug
8 Anderton to a one-year term by Resolution R-06-11;
9 Dade County Board of Health appointment of
10 Mr. George Reed to a six-year appointment by
11 Resolution R-07-11 and Department of Family and
12 Children's Services Board appointment of Mr. Joe
13 D'Agostino for a five-year appointment by Resolution
14 R-08-11.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
16 Okay. I'll entertain a motion to approve the
17 consent agenda.

18 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve
19 the consent agenda.

20 MR. SMITH: Second.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
22 Mr. Cervelli?

23 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

25 MR. GOFF: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

4 Thank you.

5 Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk
6 to us tonight? You're welcome to come up. Have you
7 got anything from the Chamber? It's your quarterly
8 report? Tell everybody who you are and what your
9 position is with the Chamber.

10 MS. TINKER: I'm Debbie Tinker with the
11 Dade County Chamber of Commerce and I'm not going to
12 take much time up here. I haven't been working as
13 hard undoubtedly as y'all. Anyway, we started this
14 new year in January with an emphasis on business by
15 hosting a Dade Industrial Roundtable. Butch Raper,
16 John Talbot and Lionel Austin will be heading up
17 that team. The first meeting turned out very well.
18 We had five companies represented and they talked
19 about a lot of ways of combining efforts possibly to
20 get services in that could be used and help them
21 here in Dade County saving all of them money.
22 They'll be meeting on a quarterly basis and we hope
23 this will grow with some of our larger industries
24 coming to these meetings and we'll be inviting
25 others to attend, too. But this first meeting we're

1 going to get an idea of what these industries did
2 want.

3 The Chamber and I'm sure the community
4 all want to thank y'all for this tier one status
5 because we've been waiting to hear about that.
6 We've got some companies and businesses that we want
7 to send information to, but we didn't want to focus
8 until we knew it was actually going to happen.
9 We're not only working with the larger industries,
10 but we're looking at the smaller businesses, too.
11 We brought Rand Riedrich from north -- the north
12 area director of UGA's Small Business Development
13 Center. He spoke at our chamber luncheon in
14 January. We've made arrangements where he will come
15 to the Chamber. We've furnished him office space,
16 so anyone who has a small business or wants to
17 possibly start a small business, he will meet with
18 you there and all you have to do is set an
19 appointment with him.

20 We're also going to be changing our web
21 site, putting businesses on it. Hopefully,
22 highlighting each of our members with a page on
23 there, turning this to where everyone in the county
24 can use it to highlight their events, but it will
25 promote Dade County as a whole.

1 We would like to say the Chamber was
2 very instrumental in bringing Guthrie's in. I
3 talked to Mr. Barrett today and he has 18 employees,
4 so that's 18 new jobs for Dade County, but we worked
5 with him for over two years and we watched the first
6 one go up on Lookout and then Signal, but this one
7 finally happened.

8 The Chamber also is going to be working
9 with the four counties here, Catoosa, Walker and
10 Chattooga and try to get Dade designated camera
11 ready. We're working out of Northwest Georgia Joint
12 Development's office, the private enterprise part of
13 this and we will be having a contest this spring and
14 I think northwest -- the top of Georgia will have
15 grand prize money offered of \$1,000 and each Chamber
16 is going to try to put in 250 for this photo contest
17 and where we can get these photos out there on
18 Georgia Department of Economic Development's web
19 site. They'll see them and market them to the movie
20 industry and anytime these people come into an area
21 to do a movie, it brings a lot of revenue. They
22 stay in your hotels. They eat in your restaurants,
23 so it would be very worthwhile. So if somebody
24 comes knocking on your door and wants to take
25 pictures of your house or your barn, please let

1 them. It doesn't mean that you have to let them use
2 it. That just means they can market it.

3 We've started on State of Dade Heritage
4 Festival for this year. Peter was able to get this.
5 We are now 501(C)(3), isn't it?

6 MR. CERVELLI: We are a nonprofit in
7 the state of Georgia. The Feds haven't recognized
8 us yet.

9 MS. TINKER: Okay. Anyway, it's made
10 up of community, Chamber and the Downtown
11 Development are all on this board.

12 MR. CERVELLI: American Legion.

13 MS. TINKER: Well, he's the community
14 person. We have a lot of people. Evan is
15 working -- had worked last year with us, Donna
16 Street. The more we can bring in -- we hope to
17 bring in the churches this year and we hope the
18 festival will be bigger than last year's.

19 And then I will be hunting a corporate
20 sponsor for Project Synergy Byspace for this spring,
21 so if you know anybody that knows a large
22 corporation that would like to be a corporate
23 sponsor, please let me know. Thank you for your
24 time.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Anybody got any questions

1 for Debbie before she steps down?

2 MS. TINKER: Thank y'all.

3 MR. GOFF: Mr. Chairman, something she
4 mentioned, I know when she talks about the movies,
5 filming industry, to a lot of people that may sound
6 strange, but somewhere we were, they said Georgia is
7 getting to be the number one state that movie
8 makers, film makers are coming to because of it's --

9 MS. TINKER: We give a lot of tax
10 incentives, so this has made them number one to come
11 to.

12 MR. CERVELLI: You can be a movie star.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Does anyone else want to
14 talk to us? Okay. Come on.

15 MS. BREWER: My name is Gayla Brewer.
16 I'm the library manager at the Dade County Public
17 Library and this is my first report to this group.
18 Let me tell you that the building project update,
19 the last thing I've heard is the architect said
20 we're on target. May 30th is going to be the end
21 date and so that means we'll begin looking at moving
22 back into our building and we're really excited
23 about the expanded area.

24 I will let you know that we're doing
25 very well in the location that we are over next to

1 Ingle's and the children are having a great time
2 during our -- they have a new title, Time to Read
3 Class and that is taking over the story hour.
4 They've changed the title and so we're earning a new
5 title. We also are offering free origami classes
6 twice a month.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Free what?

8 MS. BREWER: Origami. It's folding
9 paper and the kids and families are having fun with
10 that.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I know y'all knew what
12 that was, but I just wanted to make sure.

13 MS. BREWER: There's a lot of web sites
14 that show you how to do it. It's interesting. It's
15 a nice hobby, I guess, if you like folding paper,
16 paper airplanes and stuff.

17 Our book club is meeting once a month,
18 the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00. The
19 friends of the library group are meeting about every
20 other month at the first Tuesday of March at 7:30.
21 We would love to have new members. This is our
22 fundraising entity for the library and we're also
23 looking for any kind of fundraising ideas.

24 Marshana Sharp, our children's
25 coordinator, has asked me to also mention that due

1 to our funding cuts, the State is not funding our
2 summer reading club program and we did not get any
3 of the -- some of the other grants and so we are
4 looking for sponsors for our summer reading club
5 program and we run about eight weeks and we average
6 between 300 to 400 kids. This is a time for
7 families to get together and I know it's -- it means
8 a lot for this community to keep this going. If you
9 know anyone that would like to talk to Marshana
10 Sharp at the library or if you know of anyone that
11 would come and work for free or really cheap, that
12 would be good, something for the good.

13 MR. CERVELLI: Have her come to the
14 Optimist Club meeting.

15 MS. BREWER: Our Teen Advisory Board
16 will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at
17 6:00. The Teen Advisory Board is made up of Dade
18 County High School students that have applied to
19 serve on the advisory board. They plan events that
20 they want to hold for the teens, the high school
21 kids for this community. They do their own little
22 fundraising for that and they plan the events and
23 they work with Marshana and me and we try to help
24 with what they want to do.

25 We've been holding, very interesting,

1 the teen lock-in. It takes a lot of energy, but
2 it's worth it and the kids really do enjoy it. I
3 wanted to tell you that we will be working with the
4 Davis Elementary School during this month to offer
5 special programs. We will have a movie night and
6 it's a grandparents raising grandchildren. It's the
7 first meeting.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I bet that will be
9 crowded.

10 MS. BREWER: I don't know. The first
11 planning meeting is not going to be very fun. I
12 mean, we have a lot of grandparents to bring their
13 grandkids to our programs and so I think we'll have
14 a good turn out.

15 I wanted to announce that the tax
16 preparation assistance, Paul and Helen Hunt are
17 coming back this year and they will be working with
18 us starting February 7th and you can call and set
19 your appointments. It's for anybody that's
20 interested in having their taxes done for free and
21 it is done at the library and at the Dade Senior
22 Center and that's it.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Do they do that
24 electronically or do they actually --

25 MS. BREWER: They do it electronically.

1 They're using our wireless, but then they follow it
2 up with the --

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any state requirements as
4 far as income or is that just --

5 MS. BREWER: It's low income and middle
6 income taxpayers with special attention to those
7 sixty years old and older, but they will take
8 anyone. If they're at the library and there's
9 nobody waiting, they'll take walk-ins.

10 MR. CERVELLI: Is it --

11 MS. BREWER: We do have tax forms. I
12 know a lot of people are looking for the 1040
13 instruction booklets. Those have not come in yet.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Any other questions for
15 our library? Thank you for coming. I appreciate
16 it. Good report.

17 Okay. Anyone else want to talk to us?
18 If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a second?

21 MR. CERVELLI: Second.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

23 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

25 MR. GOFF: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

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MR. SMITH: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

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